

Editorial

We are now entering the final months before the 9th IUPAC International Congress of Pesticide Chemistry on 2–7 August 1998, the last of the series in this century. The Congress is immediately preceded by the 'Neurotox' conference, 'Progress in Neuropharmacology and Neurotoxicology of Pesticides and Drugs', a series initiated by the SCI Pesticides Group in 1979 and now scheduled in Oxford on 28–31 July 1998. It will be followed by the VIIth International Congress of Plant Pathology in Edinburgh, on 9–16 August 1998.

More than 30 years of the IUPAC-sponsored Pesticide Chemistry Congresses have witnessed great changes, as will be evident to those who have attended these meetings over the years. From beginnings which emphasised mainly chemical agents for pest control, congress topics now range from chemical synthesis through large sections on regulation, environmental fate and risk assessment. This is reflected in the theme of the 1998 Congress—'the Food–Environment Challenge'.

As indicated in the Congress circulars, *Pesticide Science* will be publishing research results from selected posters from the IUPAC Congress, in the form of either full papers or Extended Summaries.

Meanwhile, the Editorial Board, the SCI Editorial staff and our publishers, John Wiley, thank all our authors and readers for their past and continuing support for the journal and hope that many of you will join us for these unique events.

See you at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in August!

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9th IUPAC Congress of
Pesticide Chemistry